

OPINION 1788

Scelidosaurus harrisonii Owen, 1861 (Reptilia, Ornithischia): lectotype replaced

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers all previous designations of a lectotype for the nominal species *Scelidosaurus harrisonii* Owen, 1861 are hereby set aside and the skull and skeleton BM(NH) Pal. Dept. no. R.1111 in the Natural History Museum, London is designated as the replacement lectotype.

(2) The name *Scelidosaurus* Owen, 1859 (gender: masculine), type species by subsequent monotypy *Scelidosaurus harrisonii* Owen, 1861, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *harrisonii* Owen, 1861, as published in the binomen *Scelidosaurus harrisonii* and as defined by the lectotype designated in (1) above (specific name of the type species of *Scelidosaurus* Owen, 1859), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2857

An application for the designation of a replacement lectotype for *Scelidosaurus harrisonii* Owen, 1861 was received from Dr Alan J. Charig (*The Natural History Museum, London, U.K.*) and the late Dr Bernard H. Newman on 20 July 1992. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 49: 280–283 (December 1992). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

It was noted on the voting paper that the usage of the name *Scelidosaurus harrisonii* was documented by Newman (1968), Charig (1972) and Thulborn (1977).

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1993 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 49: 282–283. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1994 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 25: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Hahn, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — none.

No votes were received from Halvorsen and Lehtinen.

Dupuis and Ride were on leave of absence.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Scelidosaurus Owen, 1859, in: *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, Ed. 8, vol. 17, p. 150.
harrisonii, *Scelidosaurus*, Owen, 1861, *Monograph of the Palaeontographical Society*, 1: 1.

The following is the reference for the fixation of *Scelidosaurus harrisonii* Owen, 1861 as the type species of the nominal genus *Scelidosaurus* Owen, 1859:

Owen, R. 1861. *Monograph of the Palaeontographical Society*, 1: 1.